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For: POLISHING PAD SURFACE CONDITION EVALUATION METHOD AND AN
APPARATUS THEREOF AND A METHOD OF PRODUCING A
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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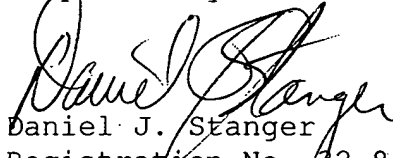
Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed
November 15, 2002, the Applicants elect Group II, claims 5-8
and 16-19, without traverse.

Examination of these claims is respectfully requested.

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